



## **Drafting and Sentence Fluency**

### **Background:**

One of the best ways to help writers improve sentence fluency is to ask them to read their work aloud to a partner. As they do, the partner can capture information about the piece that may help the writer improve sentence fluency.

### **How We Used the Work Included in this Center:**

The checklist provided is used during conferences and peer-coaching sessions with writers.

### **Think and Ink:**

What checks would you add to the list?

What would you remove?

## **Reflecting on Sentence Fluency**

As your partner reads his or her piece aloud, place a check mark next to the things you notice.

\_\_\_\_ The writer uses different words to begin sentences.

\_\_\_\_ Some sentences are short, and some sentences are long.

\_\_\_\_ The writer uses transitions.

\_\_\_\_ The writer doesn't seem to run out of breath while reading.

\_\_\_\_ The writing sounds great. The rhythm of the piece is pleasing to listen to.

\_\_\_\_ The writing isn't repetitive.

\_\_\_\_ The writing isn't wordy.

\_\_\_\_ The writer reads with appropriate emotion and effect.